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Campus Calendar

- **Jan. 29-30** Academic Decathlon
- **Feb. 1** Intramural 5-on-5 Basketball play begins
- **Feb. 11-12** "Balloon Guy" Valentine Program
- **Feb. 26** Last day to drop 8-week mini-mester with a "W."
- **March 1** Last day to apply for a spring degree.
- **March 4-5** Second 8-week mini-mester registration.
- **March 8** Second 8-week mini-mester begins.
- **March 15-21** Spring Break.
- **March 23-24** Blood Drive in Rogers Student Center
- **April 1** Career Day, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Class will continue
- **April 2** Good Friday holiday.
- **April 19** Fall telephone registration begins.
- **April 20** International Day 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **April 23-24** Regional UIL Meet
- **April 26** Last day to drop a course with a grade "W."
- **April 30-May 1** Final exams for Friday night and week end classes.
- **May 3-6** Final exams.
- **May 5-6** Registration for May Mester.
- **May 7** Spring semester and 8-week mini-mester.
- **May 8** Commencement 5 p.m. Wagstaff Gym
- **May 10-25** May Mester
- **May 31** Memorial Day holiday.

Groundhog to get his day

by Trey Cartwright
assistant editor

Tuesday will mark a great day in the achievements of small furry woodland creatures everywhere.

A groundhog, gifted with psychic meteorological powers, will pop up out of his burrow and fly all over the earth giving good little boys and girls toys.

Oh, wait, that's not quite right. The groundhog actually climbs out of his hole once a year and decides our collective fate weatherwise. According to the myth, if he sees his shadow, we get six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't, we get an early spring.

This newspaper predicts that March 21 will be the first day of spring.



LETTING THE LIGHT SHINE: The new stadium lights at Pat Hartley Field will shine brightly when next year's soccer season begins. The recently constructed field will play host to next year's national tournament.

TJC students remember dean Frankie Muffoletto

by Blake Burger
and Danny Gallagher
staff writers

A Student Senate project will help recall sweet memories of the late Dean of Students Frankie Muffoletto. Next week they will sell both peanut and plain M&M candies with black and gold memorial ribbons. They hope students, faculty and staff will wear the ribbons to honor Muffoletto's years of service to TJC.

The candy and ribbon cost \$1. Proceeds will go to the Frankie Muffoletto Memorial Scholarship Fund here.

Candy will be sold by Senate members or Cheerleaders or in the Student Activities Office in Rogers Student Center.

The Cheerleaders have dedicated the rest of their season to Muffoletto's memory. During each game they will wear black arm bands.

"The Cheerleaders lost a great friend and supporter. He

always supported them in their efforts," Cheerleader Director Audrey Woods said.

Frankie Edward Muffoletto died following an apparent heart attack at his home in Lindale Dec. 14, 1998. He was 48. Survivors include his wife Kellie and sons Kurtt and Jeffry. He came to TJC in June, 1978, as an academic counselor in technology. Seven years later, he was promoted to director of counselors and in August, 1993, he became dean of students.

Born in Eunice, La., Aug. 18, 1950, he served two years in the United States Army Intelligence Corps, including nine months in Vietnam. Honorably discharged from the Corps in March, 1972, he received the United Nations Cross of Gallantry, three Army Commendation Medals, and the United Nations and National Defense medals.

Muffoletto graduated from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La, with a bachelor's degree. Three years later, he earned his M.A.

After college, Muffoletto went to work as NSU's veteran's affairs officer.

Muffoletto's office in the Student Center was often filled

with students.

Student Senate Vice President Marie Biggs said, "I have great respect for Dean Muffoletto. It will be hard to replace such a great man."

"I remember him hanging out with us late at night while we painted the backdrop for Homecoming. He cared about

all the students," Biggs said.

Administrators and instructors remember Muffoletto for his determination and light-hearted personality.

"Frankie had this personality that he could talk to anyone," History Instructor Linda

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Accident claims life of Campus Cadet

by Courtney Jones
Page Editor

Jeremy Hudson, 20, of Tyler, died in a car accident on the northeast Loop 323 Jan. 10, Campus Safety Director Randy Melton said.

Hudson, a freshman majoring in criminal justice, was employed as a Campus Safety Cadet.

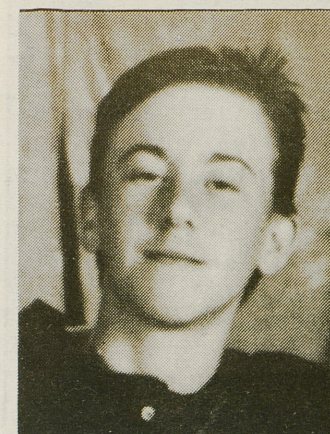
He was "known as an energetic person that loved his job" and Campus Safety personnel "loved his presence

on the force," Melton said.

Hudson was exposed to police work, which he was determined to make his career as a police officer, Melton said.

Born on June 8, 1978, he grew up in Tyler and was a 1996 graduate of Chapel Hill High School.

He is survived by his parents Jerry and Hannah Hudson and a younger brother, Jarrod.



Jeremy Hudson
1979-1999

CAMPUS F.O.C.U.S

"Do you think that illegal drugs should be made legal?"



Linda McConnell

"I've seen the effects of a legal drug called alcohol and making drugs legal would cause more problems than it's worth."



Aaron Waits

"People want to get high, people are going to get high regardless."



Bradley Samson

"No, they cause too much damage to the brain."



Tiffany Walker

"It depends on the drug, but I am mostly against legalization."



Tisha Stansel

"I don't see anything wrong with it. People are going to do it anyway."

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Legalize -- natural selection

By Aaron Roberts
page editor

The latest count: \$500 billion. That's right - \$500 billion of our money has been spent on the drug war.

What do we have to show for our tax dollars and effort? Drugs are more available on the streets than they were 30 years ago. Rehab facilities are filled to capacity. We are still shelling out money for what is seems a hopeless cause.

Why not adopt an idea that is already out there? Legalize! That's right - let's do the unthinkable and legalize drugs.

When you step back from the situation, you might see that we're spending billions of dollars to help save lives of people who are not smart enough to know that what they are doing is killing themselves. Why not just legalize drugs and let people get what they are already getting? This way they can kill themselves at their own expense and leisure, bringing about some high-tech natural selection.

In 1988 Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke shocked the nation when he suggested legalizing drugs. Schmoke asked these questions:

- Do you think we've won the drug war?
- Do you think we're winning the drug war?
- Do you think we can win the drug war in another 10 years, if we keep doing what we're doing now?

Legalizing drugs could even help our economy. The United States could tax an import that is already filling our streets. Tax dollars could be spent to clean up past drug war expenses.

We need to look at is what we are banning and what we make legal.

According to The Drug Project organization, marijuana kills "zero" people each year, while tobacco kills about 390,000 people. Alcohol kills about 80,000 people with DWI auto accidents with 40,000 deaths a year. Yet tobacco and alcohol are perfectly legal and among this country's biggest industries.

Legalizing drugs would free up \$500 billion that we are moking away in the political crack pipe. We could put the money where it needs to go: education, defense or the national debt.

Sharing cultures brings chances to grow

By Ijeoma Osuagwu
page editor

It's in our hair, our eyes, our skin, our upbringing and thought process. All of these human elements express our diversity. Just as our faces are different, so are our backgrounds.

I will never forget the first week of November, 1998, when I gained the opportunity and responsibility to live outside my comfort zone. While their parents were away on vacation I was in charge of two children I will call Jenny and Matthew. I imagined what some whites and some blacks might think - what business did a young black woman have in a white family's home?

Matthew and Jenny's par-

ents invested such trust in me that they gave me a key to their home. They even invited me to sleep in their master bedroom, an offer that I declined, choosing another bedroom instead.

My first day in their home I reviewed Jenny's mother instructions concerning meal planning, watering the house plants and when to pick up Jenny from school, dance and piano practices.

Throughout my week with them I observed the character of their home. Down the hallways before me hung pictures of great-great-great grandparents, aunts, uncles and other relatives. Some of these historic, sentimental photos dated as far back as the 1850s.

An element of seaside bliss

in their home emerged from seashell and starfish decor, an antique treasure chest in the family room and enlarged photos of scenic California or Galveston vacation spots.

One evening, rather than complete her homework assignments, Jenny found interest in my hair. As she toyed with it, she discovered its texture and thickness. As we continued to know each other better, we understood that although our exterior physical features remained different, we both knew that the same red blood ran inside us.

"Ije, tell me how your family celebrates Thanksgiving and Christmas," Jenny said.

My stay became a friendly sharing of cultures and value

systems. They made it possible for me to see that people are not born to hate. We all are taught to think and respond the way we do. Mentality plays an integral role in the psychological development of children. What is taught to them now is what they will teach future generations.

"Culture is the sum of all forms of art, love and of thought, which, in the course of centuries, have enabled man to be less enslaved," French Author André Malraux once said.

Prejudice, biases and racism will always be issues, but I take hope that we each should find some aspect of unity in our diversity.

Who's Who names 22 TJC instructors

Brandee Boyd
page editor

Twenty-two instructors were named to the 1998 Who's Who Among America's Teachers list.

To be listed, teachers must be nominated by at least one student who was selected to either the Who's Who Among America's High School Students or the National Dean's List.

Named were: Nursing Instructor Dr. Barbara Kearney, Band Director Ronald Todd, Biology Instructors Dr. Lynn Gray and Larry Pilgrim, Computer Science Instructors Gigi Beaton, Ken Craver and Shelley Kersh, Dental Hygiene Instructor Julie Metten and English Instructors Mary Adams, Anita Livingston, Joan Muller and Judy Turman.

Also making the list were: Government Instructors Amy Glenn, Dr. Peter Jones and Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi, Health-Kinesiology Instructor William Stacey Rudd, Health Studies Instructor Linda Ludovico, History Instructor Linda Cross, Mathematics Instructor Dr. Katie Preast, Music Instructor Dr. Cheryl Rogers, Speech-Theater Instructor Jacque Shackelford and Tennis Technology Instructor Paul Soliz.

The national list is produced annually by Educational Communications, Inc., of Lake Forest, IL.

Former Miss Texas to speak in March

Lasaundra Brown
page editor

Michelle Martinez, Miss Texas 1996, will speak at 10 a.m. March 11 in the Apache rooms as part of the Student Enrichment Series. Martinez made a record breaking 422 appearances, and was a Top 10 semi-finalist in the 1997 Miss America Pageant.

As a spokesperson for the United Way of Greater Dallas, Martinez has told the story of her family's struggle to overcome the effects of substance abuse. She believes in the power of family values and community involvement.

"I think Michelle Martinez will be an exciting speaker who will share the importance of family ethics," Student Activities Director Nalley said.

"The Enrichment Committee, faculty and Student Senate decide who will be a part of the Enrichment Se-

ries," Scott Nalley said.

Martinez's Miss Texas platform was family ethics and values.

"The committee chose Michelle Martinez because she speaks on family ethics and values, and ethics is very important," Nalley said. "March is Women's month and that would be a great time for Martinez to speak."

Aside from speaking to thousands, Martinez is completing her degree at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The Enrichment Committee depends on faculty to bring students to hear Martinez and other speakers because their speech is scheduled during class hours.

The event is open to students and the public. Tickets are free but must be picked up in the Student Activities Office in the Rogers Student Center.

Enrollment drops to 7,600

The spring semester enrollment has dropped only slightly by about 25 students from last year's spring enrollment of 7,639.

"We feel good about enrollment when it stays the same," Registrar Bill Willmeth said.

Many colleges see changes when the economy starts to fall or rise, he said. People go back to college when it is tough to get jobs.

"Right now our economy is good which makes our enrollment stay the same, because people are working," Willmeth said.

Workshops help students

The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office will host 10 free workshops this semester to help students seeking financial assistance for college.

Workshop dates are Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 8, March 29 and April 26. All workshops offer two sessions: 2-3:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Apache Room 1 in Rogers Student Center.

"We are providing this service to help all students," Financial Aid Director Devon Wiggins said.

Students' applications will be processed electronically.

Workshop participants should bring copies of their latest student or parents' tax return, and other family income documentation.

Any student or prospective student may attend.

"The workshops encourage students to submit their applications before the federal deadline for the Fall 1999 semester," Wiggins said.

For more information call the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office at 510-2385.

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Dean's List reveals top grades

Heather Abney
staff writer

The Dean's List is printed at the end of each semester listing students making top grades.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must make a 3.3 grade point average taking a

minimum of 12 hours of college level courses. Students must have no Ds, Fs, Is or IPs in college level or developmental courses.

"You can check for an unofficial list in the Registrar's Office," President's Secretary Ellen Price said.

In two to three weeks the official Dean's List will be announced publicly. TJC automatically sends a news release of the list to the hometown newspapers of each student on the list, Public Information Director Fred Peters said.

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Website offers concert info

There is a valuable source of concert information as close as the internet. Mark Twistworthy of Austin has set up a web site that list over 500 concerts. He established the site to inform fans of concerts and local music scenes receive free publicity from his service. His site, aptly titled, "The Texas Show List" features concerts from Austin, Dallas, College Station, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Amarillo, Denton, Shreveport, New Orleans, and Tyler.

Each concert is listed by city with the concerts in order by date. The page also includes information about each concert location including the phone number, address, and age requirements. The page is funded with the help of The Sound Exchange, an Austin record store specializing in hard to find as well as local and independent music. The site is a wealth of information that can make weekends more fun however it does not include the starting times so call before making a road trip.

The site also contains weekly events for each town. List of fun things to do, record reviews, listing of weekly radio shows, and links to and info on independent record labels. The site has been up for over four years now and continues to grow. The site is maintained by people contributing information to the site about any concert. The site is updated every Friday. It can be found at [http:// soundexchange.com/austin/texas_show_list.html](http://soundexchange.com/austin/texas_show_list.html)

TJC prepares for millenium bugs

by Danny Gallagher
page editor

The Y2K Crisis, a growing concern of computer programmers, could effect TJC. But, we may be more prepared than you think.

Computer Services Director Kenneth Muncy said the bug will be fixed by 2000 on all TJC computers but the problems lie off the campus.

The Millennium Bug was created when computer programmers and code writers used the two digit number "00" to represent the year 2000 to save time and disk space. Because most of the old computers were not programmed to type 2000, it may interpret "00" as 1900, causing all sorts of problems for banks and other services. Programmers are now scrambling to fix the bug as the years wind closer and closer to 2000.

"We have the problem on campus," says Muncy. "But all and all, we think we may have a handle on it. I think that

our biggest problem is not internal. We know where the problems are, we've fixed the majority of them and the ones that are left we are going to fix."

Muncy says TJC will have to worry about external computers that control the electricity, the water supply, the local banks and other city and state resources. These would dramatically affect the campus if the bug is not fixed.

"Our biggest problem is going to be with external vendors, people we do business with outside the institution," Muncy said. "What is the status of the federal government going to be in terms of our getting financial aid and having it available for students? Those kind of issues are going to be more critical to us."

TJC is preparing alternative plans just in case outside businesses and institutions don't respond in time.

"In January 1999, we're

going to send a letter to all of our major suppliers and ask them what their status is," said Muncy.

"The other thing that we'll be working on during the spring is contingency plans," Muncy said. "What are we going to do if the federal government doesn't send our financial aid for a month? How are we going to handle the students? I think we'll probably come up with a plan to take care of financial aid, enrollment, etc.," Muncy said. "Students can register and take care of their tuition."

Right now, Muncy and his staff plan to make alternative plans for the new millennium starting next spring.

"At this point, we don't really know how we're going to do that," he said. "But that is our plan to develop those contingency plans for all areas of the school if we have a problem externally or internally."

Dean

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Cross recalled.

"You would have liked him the first time you met him. He was comical but straight forward," she said.

TJC President Dr. William Crowe worked with Muffoletto "as a colleague and a friend."

"He was a great guy that I cared a lot about," Dr. Crowe said. "He was a family guy and he cared about TJC as a whole."

"We worked close together on student issues and activities."

Muffoletto was active in many organizations. A member of the Smith County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, he also belonged to the American, Texas and Pineywoods associations of counselors and development, the Junior College Student Personnel Association and the Texas Association of College and University Personnel Administrators.

Seminar encourages minority students

by LaSaundra Brown
page editor

Twenty Minority Student Association members at TJC joined thousands of other college students Jan. 21-23 at the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference at Texas A&M University. The MSA students selected were required to have at least a 2.0 GPA to attend.

The SBSLC focused on "Renewing the Mind, Body, and Soul to Meet the Challenges of the New Millennium."

Workshop sessions covered financial stability, negotiating techniques, preparing for interviews and diversity in the African American communities to help students develop strong leadership skills.

Motivational speaker Claudette Sims, author of "Don't Weep For Me," encouraged students to rise above society's limitations.

"I want to say that you young people who are sitting here today have the right stuff to rise above, and conquer challenges," Sims said.

She gave students seven challenges:

- Dream big dreams.
- Seek wisdom
- Take nothing for granted
- Stay grounded and don't forget where you came from
- Set boundaries
- Don't be afraid to march to a different drummer.
- Feed your spirit

Sims emphasized the importance of dreaming. "Dream big dreams," Sims said.

Professional singers, poets, and the 97 BET Comic View hostess Montanna Taylor entertained the participants.

"I enjoyed seeing thousands of African Americans who had a desire to learn and lead in life," TJC Sophomore Danielle Turner said.

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Concession stand volunteers provide refreshments

Michael George
photo editor

Wagstaff Gym concession stand serves more than one purpose. Located at the back of the basketball court, the concession stand is managed by Leon Foster, an Airforce retiree. He took over the stand from Mariott in August 1996. He also heads the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Other than providing nachos, popcorn and soft drinks to game fans, the stand raises funds for needy organizations. Such groups as the ARC and the TJC Volunteer Association benefit from the income. Portions of the proceeds are also used for athletic scholarships.

Students are the essential to the survival of the concession stand. "Nobody knows how much work this is," Foster said. As well as working the stand twice a week, he is also in charge of supplies and keeping the books. Fortunately he does not do it alone.

"Volunteers are the key," Foster said. Six to eight people are needed to take orders and money while two or three fill the orders. Volunteers from all walks of life lend a hand—stu-

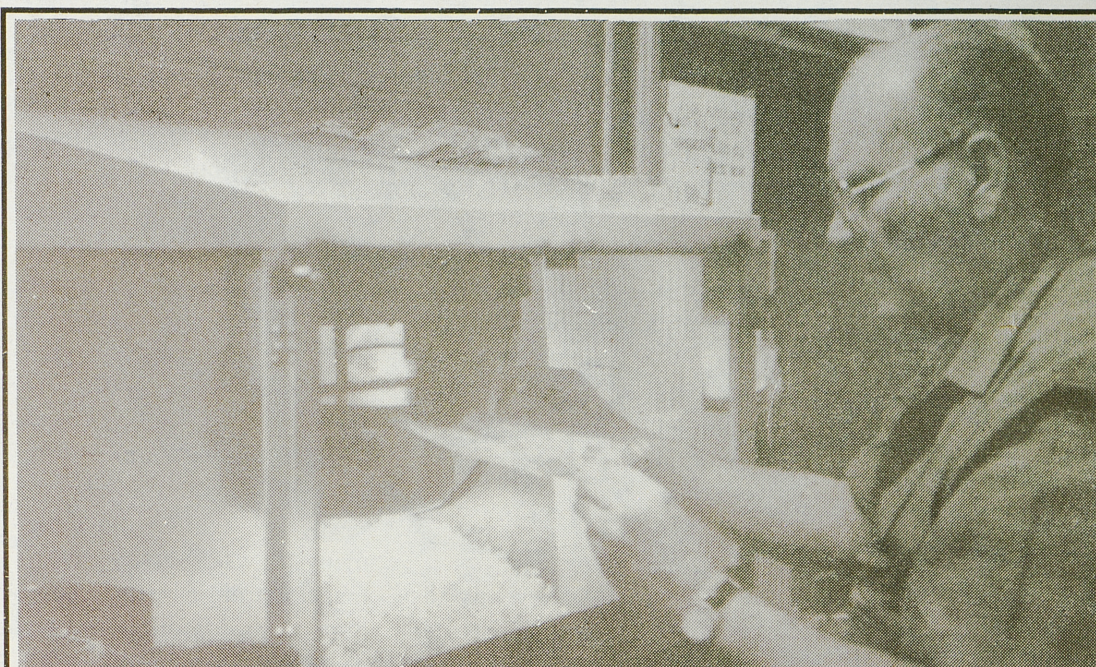


photo by Michael George

POPCORN: Leon Foster makes a new batch of popcorn in the Wagstaff Gym concession stand.

dents, faculty and their families have all shown their support.

One person who has helped a lot is Sally Mason. She is an ARC member who has helped in the concession stand for three years. "I feel that this is the best way for me to help," Mason said.

Hudnall Planetarium announces schedule

by Trey Cartwright
assistant editor

Hudnall Planetarium has announced its spring schedule with a new show and four star parties.

The public show this semester is "In Search of New Worlds," a program which describes the science of prospecting for planets around other stars.

"This show explains the new techniques astronomers have developed to find planets," Planetarium Director Bill Walker said. "The program highlights the first fruits of astronomers' on-going search. Participants will learn what stars these planets orbit and they will also see artists' renderings of what these planets might look like. Many of the discoveries discussed in this show were made just last year, so this is one of the most current programs we have ever presented."

"In Search of New Worlds" will be presented on Sundays at 2 p.m. and Wednesdays at 1 p.m., through May 9.

The Planetarium will be closed Feb. 21, April 4 and from March 14-21. No shows

or tours will be performed on these dates.

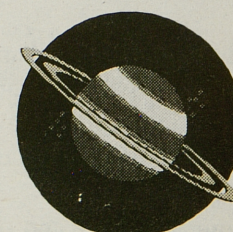
Public show admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children under 18 and senior citizens.

Four star parties, which are free opportunities for the public to meet the planetarium staff and members of the Astronomical Society of East Texas for an evening under the stars.

"This spring we will look at one of the most amazing planets of the solar system: Saturn," Walker said. "We will also explore our own moon, the Andromeda Galaxy and a vast swirling cloud of glowing gas and dust known as the Orion Nebula."

Star Parties begin Saturday evenings after sunset when weather permits.

Spring parties 6:30-8:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Feb. 20, March 20 and April 24 8-10 p.m.



A&M to offer transfer info

All students are invited to Texas A&M are invited to attend Transfer Day at College Station, Feb. 19.

Parking will be provided at varying rates and an "All You Can Eat" lunch will be available to all participants.

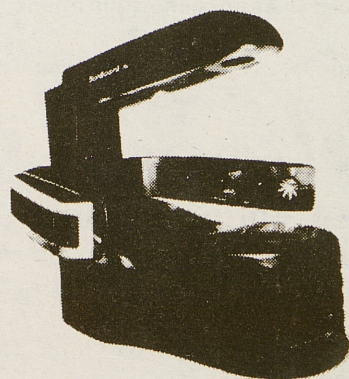
Interested students may obtain a brochure and more information from the TJC admissions office or by calling Russ Graves (409) 854-3741 or e-mail: rgraves@admin-rec.tamu.edu. Attendance plans must be done confirmed by Feb. 12.

Texas A&M Commerce Visits TJC

Texas A&M Commerce representatives will be in Jenkins Hall 9 a.m. - noon Wednesday and March 23 and April 19, in Jenkins Hall. Representatives will provide information about transfer guides, student housing, generic degree plans, financial aid and scholarships. Catalogs and admission applications will be available.

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Dance group to perform

Spirit of the Dance, a multicultural dance group will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 6 and 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Cowan Fine Arts Center on the University of Texas at Tyler campus.

Some 20 dancers will perform traditional Irish dances, tap and flamenco, Cowan Center spokes person Teresa Robertson said.

The group from Dublin, Ireland, is said to "follow on the heels of Riverdance." Each performance lasts about 90 min.

Tickets can be purchased for \$42.50 and \$38.50 at Cowan Center box office. The box office hours are 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Telephone is 566-7424.

Tickets are also available through Albertson's or Star Tickets Outlets at 1-888-597-6827.

Students can enter poems

Anyone can submit poems for the Poetic Achievements Awards national contest; sponsored by the Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum.

Each person can enter one poem of 20 lines or less on any subject and style. Poems are subject to publication in the 1999 edition of Poetic Voices of America.

The deadline is Feb. 28. Send poems to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. M 609 Main St., Sister-ville, WV 26175.

'Blues' shows game's dark side

by De'Aundela Weekly
staff writer

The high pressure world of high school football is the subject of Varsity Blues, a comedy drama that stars James Van Der Beek "Dawson's Creek," Ron Lester "Goodburger" and Jon Voight "Rosewood."

Set in West Canaan, Texas, where high school football is the town's local religion, Van Der Beek plays Jonathan "Mox" Moxon the academic-minded second-string quarterback. He has no real interest in playing football, but has to step up to the challenge when Lance Harbor (Paul Walker), the town's football hero, gets hurt.

Throughout the movie, the town residents seem to care more about winning the game than about the players. This becomes evident when

Coach Kilmer

(Voight), a milder version of the devil, will stop at nothing to win

every football game and claim another

State Champion-ship.

The tone is severely dis-

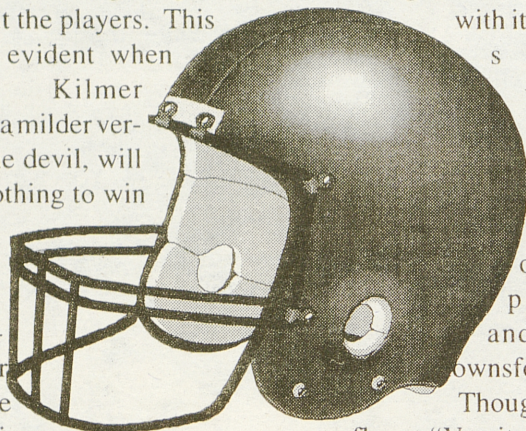
jointed. Several moments seem so realistic, exposing us to the

dark side of high school athlet-

ics. This film simultaneously condemns, yet celebrates the culture of high school football

with its clumsy scenes, mixed with wild antics of the players and the townsfolk.

Though it has many flaws, "Varsity Blues" makes a strong case that a good high school football movie could be made. This just wasn't the movie.



New classes will teach dancing with swing

by Sarah Jonss
staff writer

TJC will offer nine continuing education dance classes this semester. Courses include swing, jitterbug, rock 'n' roll, ballroom and Latin ballroom dancing, ballet, country-western, flamenco and "Big Band" style moves.

Paula Sansom, Tyler Civic Ballet director, "We're expanding our offerings and have some fun steps to offer the public," said.

People may register by telephone if paying by credit card. They can register Monday through Saturday at the

TJC Regional Training and Development Complex and Monday through Friday at the Registrar's Office on TJC campus. For more information call the RTDC at 510-2900.

Flamenco classes will meet on Tuesdays, Feb. 2 through March 28, in Fine Arts Room 102, on campus. Tuition cost \$51 per participant.

Swing, jitterbug and rock 'n' roll courses will meet from

8-8:50 p.m. on Thursdays in Room 153 of the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center. This course is divided into two sections. Feb. 4 - 25; and March 4 - April 1. Tuition cost \$21.

Ballroom dancing is taught on four levels. Level I will be offered twice this semester:

7-7:50

p.m.,

Mondays,

Feb. 1 - 22;

and 7-7:50

p.m.,

Wednesdays,

Feb. 3 - 24.

Level II, III and

IV courses will

be offered follow-

ing completion of

the introductory course. Latin

ballroom dancing Level I will

meet 8-8:50 p.m., Mondays

Feb. 1 - 22. Tuition for both

classes cost \$21.

Ballet and country-west-

ern dancing classes meet at a

variety of different times.

"We have something for

everyone and each course is

led by a qualified, experienced

instructor. The classes are great

fun and great exercise,"

Sansom said.



Aquarian advice

by De'Aundela Weekly
staff writer

If you're an Aquarius who wants to know how the rest of your month looks:

\$ The next few months look really good financially because student loan checks arrive soon. But you don't want to do any over-spending. Income tax comes in April.

♥ Love is in the air for all Valentines. Lots of friends will be calling soon, so feel free to socialize a little more than usual.



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Apaches lose 3 straight, to play at Blinn tonight

The Men's Basketball Team is back in action with an overall record of 14-6 and 7-5 in conference play. The Apaches got off to a rocky start this year losing 70-64 to the Angelina Roadrunners and 63-60 to Lee College.

The Apaches traveled to Lufkin to take on the Roadrunners Jan. 20. The Apaches held Angelina's leading scorer Eric Chatfield scoreless in the first half and lead 24-21 with a slam from Immanuel McElroy with 3:09 left in the half. Angelina quickly reclaimed the lead, but with seconds to go and the score 26-24, Ed Harvey hit a jumper as time expired to tie the game at 26. TJC failed to overcome a

fired up Roadrunner squad in the second-half and fell 70-64.

After coming off a tough loss on the road, the Apaches were hoping to make a better showing at home against Lee College. The Apaches led at one time 27-24 late in the first half and managed to keep the game close throughout. The Rebels came on strong in the second half and with 2:27 to go Lee's Eric Meche drained a three pointer as the shot clock hit zero to put the Rebels ahead 61-57. A steal by McElroy led to a quick Harvey trey, but TJC would get no closer.

Next up the Apaches will host Blinn at 8 p.m. tonight in College Station.

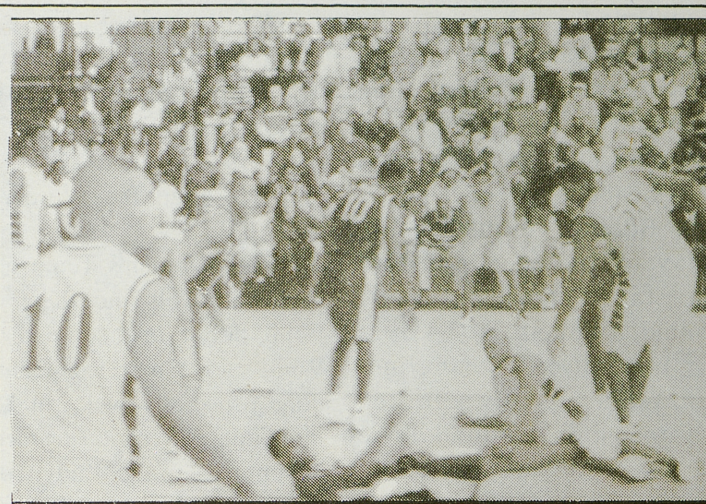


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FLOOR PLAY: Apache Immanuel McElroy goes up for three in the Jan. 13 game against Paris. The Apaches eventually won the game in overtime in front of a large crowd at Wagstaff Gym. The Men have posted a 7-5 conference record so far this season with ten games remaining. They will close out the regular season Feb. 27 at Trinity Valley Community College.

Ladies reel off 4 wins to start conference

Vatina Henderson
page editor

Ranked No. 9 in the nation, the Apache Ladies basketball team has rolled off an impressive, successful 4-0 start in conference play.

Saturday the Ladies beat San Jacinto 96-44 before a large crowd at Wagstaff Gym. Tawanda Barnes led in scoring again, but got a spark off the bench from Angie Griffen.

"I am pleased with their play right now. I believe we are a legitimate contender to

make and win the National Tournament," Ladies Coach Lee Ann Riley said.

In their third conference match-up Jan. 20 the Ladies blasted the Angelina Lady Roadrunners 91-59, with Barnes scoring 37.

The Ladies clobbered the

Panola Lady Fillies 93-67, in Carthage Jan 16. Barnes led all scorers with

28 while twin sisters Jessica and Nicole Guild, chipped in 14 and 12 points respectively.

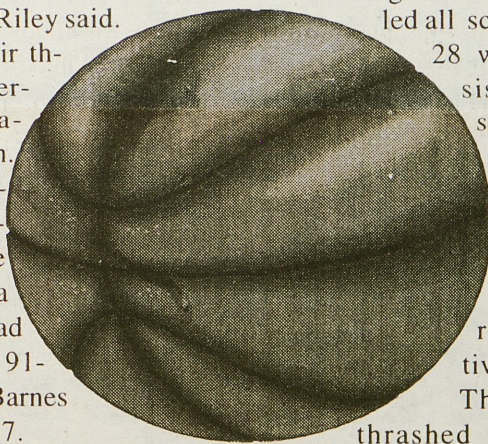
The Ladies thrashed the Paris Lady Dragons 105-25 Jan. 13

in front of a large crowd at Wagstaff Gym in their first conference game.

Barnes led the scoring with 20, while Tiffany Moore and Kim Van made significant contributions.

The Ladies' next home game begins at 6p.m. Saturday against the Kilgore Lady Rangers.

The Ladies, with an overall mark of 17-2, are closing in on a run at the conference title with Trinity Valley Community College.



Short season, Jordan retirement equal disaster

by Kelsey Walter
editor-in-chief

The National Basketball Association will have to dig itself out of an enormous hole to win back the fans it has lost. In a single week, the NBA finally ended its lockout and was hit with the inevitable fact of Michael Jordan's unfortunate retirement. These two events leave fans wondering why "they love this game."

Do the NBA and the players really expect the normal turnout for a game after all they have put their fans through? Yes, they do, but they are going to be severely disappointed.

Most ridiculous is that most players are still not satisfied. What is there to be upset about? Most of them already make more money in one month than most families do in a lifetime. It's time they experienced a dose of reality and felt what it's like

to be an average American. Many young kids and adults alike would do almost anything for just the opportunity to do what these supposed role models are doing. How do the players repay their die-

hard fans-by refusing to play the game simply because they are losing a few extra bucks. These guys need to get over it! Quit the whining and play the game of basketball before the

game itself and all of its' players become just a recollection.

These two events leave fans wondering why "they love this game."

Jordan's retirement could not have come at a worse time. The most well-known icon in NBA history, and possibly the entire sports world has been

lost during just when he was most needed. Jordan's departure will take millions of life-long NBA fans with him at the most crucial time in league history.

"I think the game itself is a lot bigger than Michael Jordan," Jordan said at a Jan 13 press conference announcing his retirement.

Jordan may believe this, but he is sadly mistaken.

With the lockout claiming half of the NBA season and the Jordan retirement taking most of the excitement away from the game, the NBA will never recover.

Bowling event helps children

The Mental Health Association of Tyler will sponsor the 3rd Annual "Bowl For Kids Sake" bowling tournament Jan. 29-31 at Green Acres Bowling Center. "The event benefits the Big Brothers Big Sisters program," Chairman Bill Frizzell said.

"Bowl For Kids Sake is a fun day of bowling. Whether you are a pro or someone who rolls from between the knees, it's for a great cause," Frizzell said.

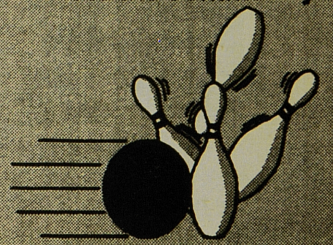
Participants will receive free pizza and soft drinks.

The person collecting the most pledges will receive two round trip tickets to anywhere in the continental United States donated by Southwest Airlines.

The team with the highest score will receive dinner at Rick's on the Square.

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tyler is to make a positive difference in the lives of children and youth, primarily through a professionally supported, one-to-one relationship with a caring adult.

Big Brothers Big Sisters goals are to assist youth in achieving their highest potential, to help them become responsible men and women and to help them achieve these goals through the support of committed volunteers and knowledgeable personnel who have a strong commitment to the community.



Rookie coach continues Apache golf tradition

by Ijeoma Osuagwu
page editor

For Golf Coach Wade White, athletic success results from hard work. White made his coaching debut for TJC men and women golfers after former Golf Coach, Greg Priest resigned to coach at Sam Houston State University last semester. White has already guided the Apaches to several tournament wins and other impressive performances during the fall.

This season, to meet the challenges expected from strong teams like Rend Lake College (Ill) and Temple College, White coaches his team by course management.

"In course management, I try to place the players in a golf routine suitable to their game because golf is a very individual and unique sport," White said.

During practice he advises players on their short

and long game. Short game practice focuses on chipping and putting while long game concentrates on the game's physical and mental aspects.

"Before a tournament my players are encouraged to mentally chart out their round," White said.

In addition to team lineup, White recently recruited to the men's squad José Trauwitz, a twenty-year-old from Mexico. He played during the World Amateur Games in Santiago, Chile and is ranked No.1 by the Mexico Golf Federation.

"We're lucky to have Jose as a part of this program. He's very experienced and will contribute a lot to the team," White said. "He knows the game well."

Universities also contact White to recruit his players.

"Justin Gold has verbally committed to Adams State College in Colorado but oth-

ers are waiting to observe all their options before making any final commitments," White said.

White praised the Women's Team.

"Our Women's Team has performed well since their official debut last semester," White said. "Sherri Roeder has done especially well in her individual play, capturing medalist honors in the Lady Crusader Invitational last fall."

White says the success strategy for the Lady Apaches will be pressing on to be competitive.

Tournament play for both teams starts in late February.

"I've really enjoyed coaching for TJC," White said. "The athletic staff has been very supportive and fun to work with."

The Men's Golf Team spring schedule is Feb. 21-23 Briarwood Country Club will host the TJC Spring

Invitational. Feb. 28-March 2 men at Cedar Creek Country Club for Saint Mary's Tournament in San Antonio.

Mar. 7-9 to the Gulf Coast Invitational at Galveston Country Club.

March 21-22 in the Quick-sand College Invitational in San Angelo.

March 28-30 to Midland for the Omega Treating Chemical Invitation.

To compete in the Texas Junior College Golf Championships, the team will play in San Angelo April 11-13.

The NJCAA Division II Golf Championship is scheduled at Riverwood Golf Club in Clayton, NC.

The women's golf spring schedule is tentative but their first tournament is expected to be Feb. 28-Mar 2. with the Hardin Simmons University Invitational in Abilene.

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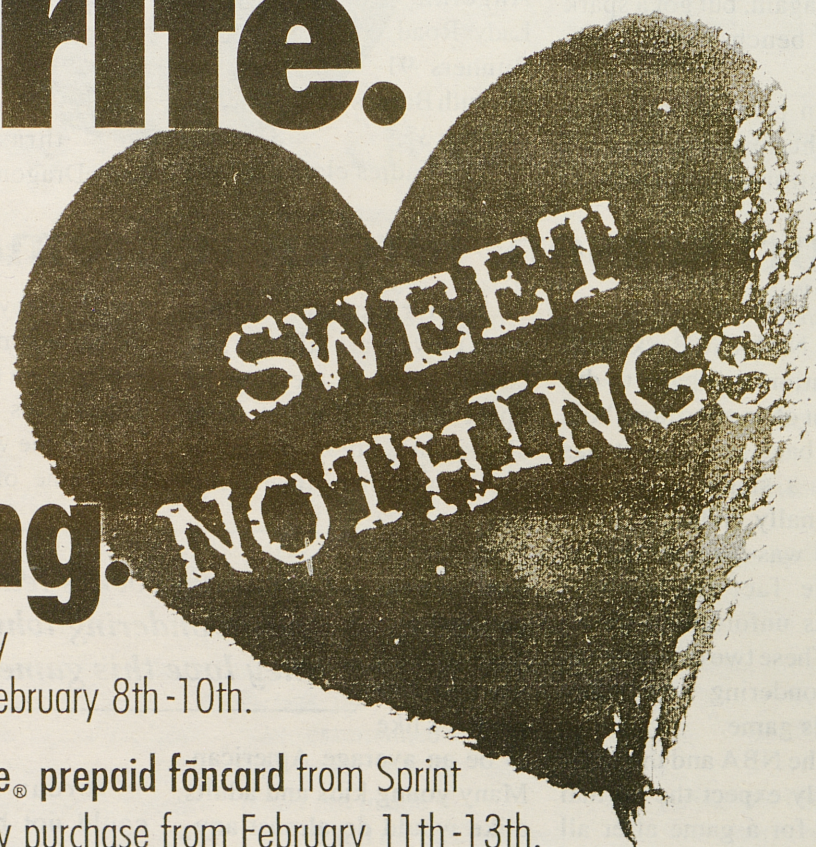
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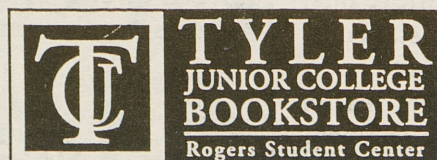


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